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Case No.: 4702

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/055,517

Confirmation No.: 9361

Applicant(s) : Richard T. Reel

Filed : January 23, 2002

TC/A.U. : 2859

Examiner : T. Reis

For : **METHODS FOR FLUORESCENCE  
DETECTION THAT MINIMIZES  
UNDESIRABLE BACKGROUND  
FLUORESCENCE**

Customer No. : 22896

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

With reference to the Office action mailed September 30, 2003, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claim 16 is cancelled to address the non-compliance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response begins on page 7 of this paper.

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